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By Thomas B. Ross Chicago Sun-Times

Harold M. Koch, a former Roman Catholic priest from Chicago who defected to the Soviet Union, once worked briefly for a Central Intelligence Agency cover organization, it has been learned.

During the summer of 1964, Koch was an employe of Radio Liberty, which broadcasts anti-Communist pro-West Germany.

"cover for CIA-financed or-ganizations."

It could not be immediately ty dimension to his defection. company based here. He appeared on Moscow telethe United States.

said the Bureau had no file on working on a doctoral thesis.

officials have said Koch Marcel X. Rocca, head of served there as a priest from the Institute, said that KLM Rocca said his companions 1958 to 1963 but left when his reported Koch had completed found Koch "very personable"

dergo psychiatric treatment.)

officials were looking into in- mation about his movements. dications that Koch may have visited Vietnam sometime in proached a representative of have given language training 1963 or 1964.

U.S. passport, Koch stated for Foreign Student Affairs in tion of Hawk antiaircraft misthat he had traveled in Eu-Chicago last May. rope and the Far East during specify what countries he had cation for an overseas job, \$2000 for travel expenses and that period. But he did not visited.

grams to the Soviet Union Aug. 2 and left the United Lake Seminary in Mundelein, from headquarters in Munich, States Aug. 21 on a KLM Airline flight from New York to Amsterdan. He was supposed speaks good Russian, listed The New York Times revealed last April that Radio to be en route to Jidda, Saudi employment with Radio Liber-Liberty, ostensibly a private Arabia, to oberve training ty on the application, which company, in fact provides methods at an English-language school and eventually ed to a normal check of teach there.

Koch was traveling with an security. determined, however, if 11-man team of instructors un-Koch's connection with Radio der contract with the Institute aware that Koch was a priest Liberty adds a national securi- of Modern Languages Inc., a

Koch left the group in Amvision Tuesday and denounced sterdam, telling his colleagues that he wanted to stop over in ca remarked, "but it didn't A spokesman for the Feder-Paris to talk to a Sorbonne shock me. That sort of thing al Bureau of Investigation professor with whom he was is not so rare in our time."

Koch and was starting from When Koch failed to appear to be well-qualified for a

Paris police were unable to lo- dedicated." State Department security cate him or provide any infor-

ap-Koch Rocca said

Shortly there after, Rocca listing the fact that he was a advance pay. Koch was issued a passport graduate of St. Mary of the

> Koch, Rocca said proved accurate when subjectprofessional experience and

Institute was well The who had left his duties, Rocca said, but did not raise the issue with him.

"It was a bit unusual," Roc-

The Institute judged Koch scratch in its investigation, on the job in Saudi Arabia on teaching job and brought him which will begin in Chicago.

(In thicago, archdiocesan a search for him.

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superiors advised him to un-the flight to Paris but that the and affable, intelligent and

"He never talked politics," Rocca added.

In Saudi Arabia he was to the Institute at a convention to Arabians employed by the In applying for his current of the National Association Raytheon Corp. in the installasiles.

complained Rocca said, Koch submitted an appli- Koch owes the Institute about